(d) if so, what precautions have been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Government has not taken such a decision and the Drug Policy, 1986, as modified in 1994, is in force.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Revival package for U.P. drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

3551. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revival package for U.P. Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, envisaging total cost of Rs. 19.19 crore, is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the package, including relief and concessions by banks, State Government and Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A proposal envisaging support of Rs. 19.19 crore with the following break-up has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

	(Rs. in crore)
1. OTS with banks	8.00
2. Creditors' Settlement	2.74
3. Salaries and other dues	5.45
4. VRS for 100 employees	3.00

Control on rising drug pricing

3552. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of almost all important drugs, especially life-saving drugs, have skyrocketted in the recent months;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any meaningful steps to control the rising prices of drugs; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the deails of the regulatory mechanism, if any, available with Government to exercise control on drug prices; and